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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 1419

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TAGS: PINT, GT

SUBJECT: RIOS MONTT'S CLAIM OF RECEIVING CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
FROM PRESIDENT NIXON

REF: GUATEMALA 1386; DREYFUSS/CLARE TELECON

1. AT TAIL END OF CONVERSATION REPORTED GUATEMALA 1406, FONMIN ARENALES INFORMALLY BROACHED WITH EMBOFF RIOS MONTT CLAIM THAT HE HAD RECEIVED CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NIXON. ARENALES SAID GOG KNEW FULL WELL THAT PRESIDENT HAD NOT REPEAT NOT SENT SUCH MESSAGE BUT WAS UPSET BY RIOS' CLAIM WHICH HAD BEEN MADE PUBLIC AND HOPED THAT EMBASSY WOULD ISSUE PUBLIC DENIAL. EMBOFF SAID THAT EMBASSY DID NOT PLAN ISSUE DENIAL ON ITS OWN, BUT THAT IW WAS PREPARED SAY THAT NO MESSAGE HAD BEEN SENT TO ANY OF THREE CANDIDATES IF ASKED BY NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

2. MID-AFTERNOON MARCH 12 REPORTER FROM AFTERNOON DAILY IMPARCIAL, WHICH WAS ONLY PAPER THAT PRINTED RIOS MONTT'S CLAIM, CALLED EMBASSY AND ASKED OUTRIGHT IF SUCH MESSAGE HAD BEEN SENT TO RIOS. EMBASSY STATED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAD NOT SENT MESSAGE TO ANY OF THE THREE CANDIDATES. IMPARCIAL REPORTER SAID THEY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THIS
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AND NOT PRINTED STORY, AS IT WAS ILLOGICAL FOR SUCH

MESSAGE TO BE SENT BEFORE ELECTORAL PROCESS ACTUALLY
COMPLETED.

3. COMMENT: WE SUPPOSE THAT ARENALES STIMULATED
IMPARCIAL TO APPROACH EMBASSY ON THIS SUBJECT.
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